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Troy woman arrested in Coffee County for possession of drugs

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested a Troy, Ala. woman last Thursday, Oct. 5, on illegal possession of drug charges, according to Coffee County Jail records.

Tamatha Green, age 55, of Troy was booked into the county jail at 1:48 p.m. last week, Green remained in the Coffee County Jail.



Thursday. She was charged with illegal possession of prescription drugs [\$3,000 bond], and possession of a controlled substance [\$7,500 bond].

Several routine business matters handled during CCBOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, Oct. 5, for the board's regular monthly meeting, and a handful of personnel matters were approved.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kelly Cobb, the board voted to approve employment of Kim Smith as a TEAMS contract teacher at New Brockton Middle School.

Also, the board approved some support staff personnel changes.

The resignation of Samantha Gregory as a Pre-K Instructional Aide at Zion Chapel was accepted. Gregory's last day will be Oct. 27th.

Tim Wehner was hired to be a bus driver for the school system.

Also, leave was granted for Chastity Jinright, a CNP

worker at Zion Chapel. Her leave time is expected to be Oct. 2nd - Oct. 24th tentatively.

Also, during the meeting, the board voted to allow the superintendent to move forward with bid process for a new 20-ton HVAC package unit for the New Brockton High School cafeteria. Due to the high cost for repairs to the current unit, Cobb said she felt it would in the long run be more cost effective to bid a new unit to replace the current unit.

The board also voted to purchase three new school buses for the school system.

Board members also voted to allow the CNP department to join a supplemental cooperative bid for products.

The next Coffee County Board of Education meeting is set for Thursday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m.



Members of the Elba Marching Tiger Band celebrate all superior ratings and two Best in Class awards at the conclusion of last Saturday's A-Town Invitational Band Contest held in Andalusia, Ala. This was the band's second and final competition this marching season. The week prior, the band participated in a marching band festival held in Rehobeth where it also brought home all superior ratings. The band performs a Journey-themed show this season.

Elba and New Brockton bands each bring two "Best in Class" awards home from A-Town Invitational Marching Band Contest

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Some 30 bands competed last Saturday, Oct. 7, in the A-Town Invitational Marching Band Contest held in Andalusia, Ala., and locally the Elba and New Brockton bands each brought home superior ratings and some "Best in Class" trophies for the Class AA division.

"It was a great weekend for our Elba High School Marching Tiger Band," said Shaun Hammonds, director of bands. "We received straight superiors and 'Best in Class' for drum major and danceline."

The Marching Tigers also placed second for percussion and tied for third place for both colorguard and overall band. A total of nine bands competed in the Class AA division.

The New Brockton Gamecock Marching Band

also competed in the Class AA division, and it brought home superior ratings along with the "Best in Class" trophies for percussion and colorguard.

"I was very impressed with the whole day of performances from all the bands, but I was especially proud that 'Four of the six Best in Class trophies for Class AA came back to Coffee County to either Elba or New Brockton,' Hammonds said. "That is something for our whole county to celebrate."

Jeff Carpenter, assistant director for the Elba band program, also was excited about the contest results, but he noted how incredibly proud he has been this season of first year drum major, Jalin Horstead.

"I bragged on him [after the Rehobeth festival] and then we got back to work," Carpenter said. "We listened

to the judge's tape, made a few tweaks and additions, and the end result was [Jalin] not just winning Best in Class at Andalusia but also him receiving the highest score for drum major for the entire contest!"

Valiece McKelvy coaches the Elba danceline, and she too was beaming with joy following last week's Best in Class win for Elba.

"I am beyond proud of this great group of girls," she said. "Not only were they Best in Class, but they had the highest danceline scores of the entire day!"

McKelvy also noted this has been the youngest

(overall) danceline group she has ever coached. Of the twelve young ladies on the danceline, six of them are eighth graders with this year being their first on the danceline.

Hammonds said he is very proud of how hard the Elba band students have worked over the past few months. He said all that has paid off with all superior ratings for the marching band's competitive season.

The week prior, the Elba Marching Tiger Band competed in a band festival in Rehobeth where all superior ratings were received there as well.

New Brockton accepting 'letters of interest' for Mayor's position

The Town of New Brockton is accepting letters of interest for its vacant Mayor's position.

Letters of interest will be taken from until close of business (4 p.m.) Friday, October 13th. Letters may be dropped in person, emailed, or sent to the P. O. Box listed below.

Contact email: <newbrockton3@troycable.net>. Physical address (in person applications): 706 East McKinnon St. New Brockton; U. S. mail address - PO Box 70, New Brockton, AL 36351.

The mayor's position was vacated at the end of September by Ralph Medley.

The town also is seeking a new city clerk as Debra Andrews resigned from that position at the end of September too.

Area Happenings

The Elba Elementary School Fall Festival will be Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6-8 p.m., at the school. This event is hosted by the EES PTO. Activities will include: Silent Auction, Hay Ride, Cake Walk, Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Sack Races, Treasure Hunt, and Much More! Tickets are 25 cents each or \$15 for Unlimited Armband. Concessions will be available for an additional cost.

The Elba Masonic Lodge 170 will host its 2nd Annual Wheels on the Square car show on Saturday, Oct. 14, beginning at 8 a.m. The event will be held on the downtown square and will feature cars, trucks and motorcycles. There is a \$20 registration fee. Registration is from 8-10 a.m. that day. Trophy presentations will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The Elba Masonic Lodge 170 will host a Community Blood Drive Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba. Look for the Life South Bloodmobile. Donors must be age 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show a photo ID. All donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card. The blood drive will be in conjunction with the Masonic Lodge's car show that will be held on the square that day.

Elba's Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating will be Saturday, Oct. 28, from 5-7 p.m. Those wishing to participate and welcome trick-or-treaters are asked to leave their porch light on while those not wishing to participate are asked to turn the porch light off.

Coffee County extension office plans Oct. 30th Pumpkinology Workshop

The Coffee County Extension Office will offer a Pumpkinology Workshop in Elba on Monday, Oct. 30, at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in downtown Elba.

Space is limited, which means anyone interested in participating needs to register as soon as possible! Registration is \$10 and includes a pumpkin, carving supplies, and refreshments.

Preregistration is required. To register, click this link: <https://www.aces.edu/go/3622>.

This workshop will focus on the history of pumpkin production, when and how to grow pumpkins, and how to preserve pumpkins. Afterward, all participants will have the opportunity to carve pumpkins.

For questions, con-

tact Megan Jones, Home Grounds Regional Extension Agent, at 334-441-5327 or the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Book signing set for Oct. 21st in Elba

Elba native turned author releases book

Gunter Akridge never imagined he'd write a book. During his years growing up in Elba, he wasn't even a reader, much less a writer.

Ask any of his Elba elementary or high school teachers, and they may tell you he was a polite, shy kid. The ones who paid attention might have noticed he had plenty of creativity, some artistic ability, and more than a little trouble focusing in class. He would rather wander free through the woods near his home in the Lee Community than anything else - especially anything that would draw attention.

Yet, just this month, Gunter Akridge released his first book, "Kill the Dragon," through a publishing company he founded, Higher Perspectives Press. The theme of the book was inspired from the first novel Akridge read all the way through, "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

"The message of the book is partly my story of what I've carried that Jesus never intended for me in my relationship with Him," Akridge said. "As grateful as I am for my upbringing in church, there are some things that maybe I wasn't taught but that I picked up along the way that are foreign to what Jesus intends



Elba native Gunter Akridge is the author of "Kill the Dragon"

for His Church."

Church is certainly a subject on which Akridge has a lot to say. After graduating from Elba High School in 2001, he and his wife, Bethany (also an Elba grad) stayed in the area for several years to finish college and serve in local churches before moving their family to Savannah, Ga., in 2017 to start a new church called The Dwelling.

Since The Dwelling Church's first service in January 2018, many of the people who have come through the doors did so looking for ways to heal from what they call "church hurt." Hearing their stories fueled Akridge's desire to

write "Kill the Dragon."

"I wrote the book because I wanted people to be able to relate who are in a religious rut and feel stuck in their relationship with God," he said. "Maybe they're questioning some things they've been taught, maybe they're questioning their faith. Maybe they've been hurt by religion. And they don't want to give up on their faith, they don't want to give up on the Church, but the reality is, they've been hurt."

Akridge said the book is not only helping people recognize "the dragon" in themselves but also realize that what actually hurt them wasn't God or even people in their lives. It was what influenced those people - a harmful religious mindset that he symbolizes using a dragon.

With nods to Tolkien's work, Akridge paints a picture of a dragon brooding over stolen treasure, and using "dragon speech" to manipulate truth. As the chapters progress, the reader gathers the tools and the courage to face dragons lurking in their own dark corners.

"I hope that this book touches many lives," Akridge said. "I hope it

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NEW RESTAURANT OPENS IN ELBA...The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting Thursday morning, Oct. 5, for El Braserio, which offers Mexican and Chinese food throughout the week. El Braserio is located at 1426 Hickman Avenue (formerly Juliette's Restaurant) across from the Dorsey Trailer manufacturing facility. Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams says, "everyone is familiar with Pilar, who owned Mr. Ho's - she has now opened El Braserio at this new location!" The restaurant will offer Mexican cuisine daily and also have a Chinese buffet on Mondays and Tuesdays.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." – Aristotle

Medical science is doing wonders. Just recently doctors in California actually permanently disconnected the damaged half of the brain of a six-year-old girl in a mind boggling ten hour surgery, because of a rare brain disease. The amazing thing is that after extensive physical therapy this child will be "normal" according to the doctors. Well, she will have some physical limitations on one side of her body, but her thinking, personality, etc. will not change; but she will survive, much to her parents' relief.

Oh, the thinking in Washington is less than impressive. Here we are deep in the Ukraine war for survival, sending the U. S. Navy to help Israel in their new war, and we have some lawmakers openly advocating "using force" (war) with Mexico to stop the importing of the deadly drug 'fentanyl'! We agree that stuff is bad, bad, bad, but another war????

Well, it is official – The Supreme Court has spoken, and Alabama voters will have a newly designed set of U. S. Congressional districts when going to the polls this year. Coffee County will join Houston, Henry, Dale, Geneva, Covington, Escambia, Baldwin and most of Mobile County in District #1 of the seven districts. District #2 will be the official district designated as the second 'majority' voter district in the state, even though it will be closely divided between the races (Black residents will make up 48.7% of the voting-age population). The special master said an analysis showed that Pike, Barbour, Crenshaw, and Montgomery will all be in District #2 in a narrow strip that goes from the Georgia line in the East to the Mississippi line on the West side of the state. Representative Barry Moore presently represents District #2 but as a Coffee County resident will have to run in District #1, if he opts to seek re-election in the upcoming statewide elections.

Linda and I were humbled last Thursday evening when the local public library held a reception honoring "National Newspaper Week" and of course *The Elba Clipper* was the featured newspaper at the event. Each of the two of us would rather be behind the camera than posing for them and blushing as the library staff said nice things about the Clipper (and us personally). As noted at the event this community has been serviced by *The Elba Clipper* for over 125 years, through hurricanes, floods and other disasters, and we have no plans for breaking that chain. The industry has changed, as has all of society, and not all of it was for the good. We personally have seen the massive transition in the composing of the newspaper from the old 'hot metal' to 'paste-up' and now to digital. In today's world, news and pictures can be transmitted anywhere in the world on the internet with the click of a computer key. Acknowledging all that, our core mission at *The Elba Clipper* continues to be passing on to our friends and other loyal readers the happenings in the LOCAL community. We hope to do better tomorrow than we did yesterday or are doing today.

Alabamians encouraged to ask their physicians about vaccines

The Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Hospital Association, and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama are encouraging Alabamians to ask their physician about the flu shot and other vaccines as a part of a statewide **Ask Me campaign**.

Helpful information and additional resources can be found at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/ask.html>

There are several vaccines being recommended this year to help avoid respiratory illnesses. Each type is designed to work with your immune system to fight off certain kinds of germs—and the serious

diseases they cause.

Vaccines to talk to your physician about include:

- Seasonal Influenza (Flu) – It's recommended that all individuals 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, should get an annual flu vaccination. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications.

- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) – RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need

hospitalization. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the new RSV vaccine for adults over age 60 and children up to 23 months.

- Pneumonia – Pneumococcal disease is common in young children, but older adults are at greatest risk of serious illness and death. The CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination for all children younger than 5 years old and all adults 65 years or older.

- COVID-19 – It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine recommendations are based on age, time since

the last dose, and in some cases, the first vaccine received.

The statewide organizations also want to remind the public that simple hygiene efforts, such as washing your hands, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and staying home when you're sick can also help protect against these infectious diseases.

To learn more and for other helpful resources go to <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/ask.html>. But, again, the best recommendation we can give is to check with your doctor to see what you need to keep you healthy.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, through Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Thursday, Oct. 5 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (2:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1404 Reese Ave (10:52 a.m.); Intoxicated person reported in the area of Hwy 203 and Martin Luther King Dr (1:05 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1699 County Rd 249 (7:10 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded resulting in one advice given, one verbal warning, one written warning, and one citation.

Friday, Oct. 6 – Assault reported at 181 Gray St (12:27 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 537 Adkinson Ave (2:32 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 20567 Hwy 87 (3:45 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 655 Smith Ave (4:17 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Claxton Ave and Hwy 84 (5:18

p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 311 S John St, New Brockton (6:58 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Mullins Circle (11:46 p.m.). There were 22 traffic stops recorded resulting in eight verbal warnings, eleven written warnings, two citations, and one no action taken.

Saturday, Oct. 7 – Suspicious person reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (1:23 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 475 Hwy 203 (7:30 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 196 Clark Ave (12:38 p.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported at 541 Plant Ave (2:50 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1320 Highland Dr (8:26 p.m.). There were 10 traffic stops recorded resulting in three citations, four written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

Sunday, Oct. 8 – Suspicious vehicle reported at Brunson Circle and Sally Dr (10:32 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Old Samson Rd (10:59 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1267 Neil Grantham Dr (6:02 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 469 Claxton Ave N (6:55 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1619 County Rd 249 (7:27 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 22529 Hwy 189 (9:17 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded resulting in one written warning, and three verbal warnings.

Monday, Oct. 9 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 215 Plant Ave – w/arrest (7:34 p.m.). There were two traffic stops resulting in one verbal warning, and one citation.



ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES FUNDS... Jennifer Amlong, director of the Elba Public Library, is shown above accepting a check from Alabama State Representative Rhett Marques. The donated funds will be used by the library to benefit all who utilize the facility.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou is beginning to wonder if she and Sister are being 'smart' in letting Papa venture off on his trusty pickup truck to places he wants to go when they are unavailable to chauffeur him around.

Lou Lou began questioning it last Saturday when the gang was traveling to an event together. Of course, Lou Lou was the designated driver on this day, and Papa was her co-pilot with Sister sitting in the back.

Lou Lou was approaching

a stop sign when Papa suddenly yelled, "You've gotta stop!"

Lou Lou was already slowing the vehicle in preparation to make a full stop at the stop sign, so, she was a bit confused as to why Papa felt the need to enthusiastically tell her to stop. Then, she realized what the problem was that led to his outburst!

Papa had looked up to see the "stop ahead" sign and he panicked!

Once Lou Lou realized what was going on, she calmly explained to Papa, "I am planning to stop at the actual stop sign. That was the stop ahead sign that got you all upset!"

"Oops!" was Papa's response.

Believe it or not, Sister remained quiet throughout the whole uproar, but it was at this precise moment that Lou Lou quipped, "We may need to rethink our allowing Papa to drive places alone!"

Sister laughed and agreed with Lou Lou, but Papa, on the other hand, was not amused by Lou Lou's thought at all! All Lou Lou knows for certain is that it was a good thing she was driving on this day rather than Papa!

Just a warning to all Papa's friends – be wary if you are going to take a ride with him! He may confuse a prepare to stop sign for the actual stop sign and apply those brakes a bit too quickly! All jokes aside, Lou Lou hopes Papa is able to continue driving for several more years before she and Sister have to "take his keys away." However, she plans on doing the driving herself when she is going to be riding in the vehicle with Papa! Lou Lou doesn't know what is worse – Papa looking at the road signs incorrectly or Sister driving like she is on a Nascar track (but that's a tale for another day)! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Local scholarship recipient honored during Auburn University reception

Written by Maggie Edwards

Eighty Auburn University (AU) students reaped the benefits of the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation (AFAF) during the Alabama Farmers Federation annual scholarship reception Sept. 25 at Lazenby Farms in Auburn.

AU junior Faith Lane spoke on behalf of her peers and thanked the Federation for its investment in the future of the country.

"For more than 50 years, the Federation has provided scholarships to individuals preparing for careers in agriculture and forestry," said Lane, who was raised on a multigenerational farm in Lowndes County. "These scholarships are not just money received to earn a degree. These scholarships are the gateway for the next generation of leaders."

As the cost of college tuition continues to increase, scholarships help fill in the gaps, Lane said.

"I always dreamed of attending AU and majoring in agriculture so that, one day, I could give back to my community," she said. "The Federation has helped me make my dream a reality."

Lane is a member of AU Young Farmers, Collegiate Cattlemen's Association, Ag Ambassadors and Ag Student Council. She is pursuing a degree in agricultural business and economics.

"These scholarships encourage us to be lifelong advocates for the agricultural industry in Alabama," Lane said. "Thank you, Alfa, for investing in our education and our lives."

During the program, over \$150,000 was awarded through a special partnership between AFAF and county Farmers Federations. The program provides \$1,750 scholarships to land-grant university students.

"Anytime your child receives money for school it is a blessing," said Blount County's Amy Burgess, a parent of scholarship recipient Abby Burgess. "My daughter has worked hard to master her 4-H, FFA and Jr.



Coffee County native and Auburn University student Appraisia Edwards received a \$1,750 scholarship from the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation and the Coffee County Farmers Federation. Edwards was recognized during the Alabama Farmers Federation scholarship reception Sept. 25 at Lazenby Farms in Auburn. From left are Federation President Jimmy Parnell, Edwards, Federation District 10 Director Trip Horne and Federation Southeast Vice President George Jeffcoat.

Cattlemen Association projects. This award comes full circle for her and the goals she set for herself."

Burgess expressed her gratitude to the Federation and AFAF for pouring into generations of "movers and

shakers" in the agricultural industry.

Federation President Jimmy Parnell encouraged the group of recipients to focus on the importance of hard work, think critically and create a good network.

"I want to challenge each of you to stretch — think outside the box and try new things," said Parnell, an alumnus of the AU College of Agriculture. "You are the next generation of agriculture, and you have tremendous opportunities in front of you."

Scholarships from the Federation have been awarded to AU students since 1983. AFAF was founded in 2009 as a platform to support agricultural education and is primarily funded through Ag Tag sales.

The 2024-2025 scholarship application opens Nov. 1 and can be found at AlfaFarmers.org/scholarships.



LUNCHEON PILOTS ATTEND FALL COUNCIL...Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise recently attended the Alabama District Fall Council held at the Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge, Guntersville, Ala. Members attending (from left) Co-Pilot and Pilot Steve and Fran Walters, Pilots Jacque Hawkins and Debbie Godfrey and Pilot and Co-Pilot Caroline and Gary Gebhart. Festivities began with a Pilot Friendship Party that included Bingo and snacks. Saturday of the event was a full day including introductions, inspiration and speaker Kanyetta Ammons, a singer and songwriter. Registration showed that 86 Pilots and Co-Pilots were in attendance from fourteen clubs. Over \$3,700 was raised for the Alabama District with a «Top Pig Reveal», Crazy Auctions of baskets furnished by the clubs in attendance, baskets that were won by members and district paraphernalia that was sold. LPCE was presented with a Club Membership Net Growth Award form 2022-2023, which was accepted by LPCE Secretary Debbie Godfrey. Exclusive fashions from the House of Pilot was a rousing success. A group of special needs adults warmed all our hearts with their songs, dancing and playing of drums. Pilot Dates to remember: District Convention, April 12-14, 2024, Marriot at Grand National Resort, Opelika, AL; Pilot International Convention, July 17-20, 2024, Denver, CO.



Six receive Rex Lumber Mechatronics Scholarship... Six Enterprise State Community College mechatronics students received scholarships from Rex Lumber. Pictured, from left, are Mechatronics students Seth Daugherty, Wesley Garner and Preston Garner; HR Manager for Rex Lumber Troy Temeka Flowers; and Mechatronics students Jacob Mock, Easton Booth and John Hatten. The scholarship is offered to students pursuing their associate degree or a certificate in mechatronics. Each scholarship is a one-year scholarship for 33 semester hours of tuition and/or books and supplies for required classes. To apply, students must have a minimum 2.5 high school GPA and must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA every semester enrolled at ESCC. Students can reapply for the scholarship for their second year in the mechatronics program.

Obituaries

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EUNICE PEARL JONES

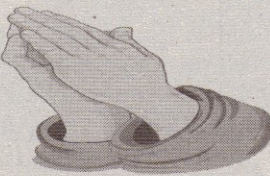
Mrs. Eunice Pearl Jones, age 100, a resident of the Goodman Community, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at her home.

Graveside services were held Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 from the

Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. Anyone wanting to make memorials is asked to do so to the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Jerry Jones, 463 County Road 633, Enterprise, Alabama 36330.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Louie Frank Jones; by a daughter, Doris Coles; and by her parents, Elizabeth and Joe Jones.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law: Jerry and Freda Jones, Enterprise, Ala.; grandsons: Justin (Jon) Jones, Opelika, Ala., Jeremy (Dorothy) Jones, Dallas, Texas, and Clay Coles, Huntsville, Ala.; granddaughters: Jessica Redfield, and Cary (Rachel) Coles, both of Enterprise; along with nine great-grandchildren.



LOMAX RANDALL JORDAN

Mr. Lomax Randall Jordan, age 70, of Troy, Ala., died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023,

at the Opp Health and Rehabilitation with his wife of 24 years, Karen, at his side.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, from the Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Mark Cooper, Rev. Ralph Medley, and Rev. Ed Corley officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Audrey Holley and James Wilson Jordan.

Survivors include his wife: Karen Jordan, Troy; daughters: Dawn Jordan, Chattanooga, Tenn., Amy (Brad) Forehand, Troy, and Mandi (Jason) Suggs, Prattville, Ala.; son: Michael Shawn (Kira) Jordan, Mary Esther, Fla.; sister: Karen (Hayward) Warren, Chelsea, Ala.; brothers: Scotty (Donna) Jordan, Taylor, Ala., Wendell (Cheryl) Jordan, Rehobeth, Ala., Kimmy (Jennifer) Jordan, Enterprise, Ala., and Randy Willis, Elba; along with 12 grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.



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Ways to Support Breast Cancer Patients and Honor Those Lost

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. About 276,000 women and 2,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Because breast cancer is so common, it is likely someone you know has been, or will be, affected by the disease. If you would like to help support those going through breast cancer treatment, here are some ideas.

1) **Donate to charities.** You might choose one that focuses on patient support or an organization that does clinical research.
2) **Offer your help.** Don't be afraid to offer your specific help to someone going through treatment. Offer some suggestions of things you know they likely need such as drive their kids somewhere, grocery shop, walk the dog or clean their kitchen. Keep offering to help. The longer someone is in treatment, the more help they will need.

3) **Donate clothing.** Many oncologists welcome gifts of scarves, hats and blankets for their patients. Just ask ones in your area if they are accepting donations.

4) **Write letters and cards.** You can send cards or letters to your friends. Write some encouraging notes and drop them at a treatment center for patients to receive.

5) **Drive them to treatment.** Appointments can be difficult and fill a cancer patient with anxiety. It can help to have a friendly face to talk to.

6) **Be there to listen.** Make sure to check in just to talk and listen, even if it's over the phone or via text. Let the patient know you are thinking about them.

7) **Deliver meals.** Chemo treatment is very exhausting. Help provide food by cooking or ordering takeout.

8) **Help motivate them.** Tell jokes, talk about the positive things that are going on in your lives, share funny videos, and provide encouragement.

Unfortunately, sometimes the unthinkable happens and we lose someone we love to breast cancer. If that is the case, we have many helpful articles in our database about how to handle grief and/or support someone who is going through the grieving process.

You may also want to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed away from breast cancer. Consider doing some of the above options for others who are currently going through treatment.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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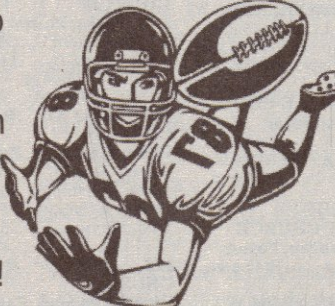
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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor
Westside Baptist Church

For Whom The Bell Tolls

I grew up in a great suburban neighborhood. Everyone knew everyone else. Not like neighborhoods today, where you are lucky if you know the neighbors on both sides of the street. Back then, a kid could ride his bike all over the neighborhood without his parents worrying about where he was. The only problem with that was dinnertime; Mom or Dad had to get on the phone, which by the way was attached to the wall, track you down and have you sent home.

My family was different. We solved the age-old problem of the dinnertime search by installing a bell. I don't really remember when Dad hung the bell outside. I just assumed it had always been there. I'm sure at some point, however, Dad had decided that he was tired of tracking us down and went to the Pavlovian approach.

It was really very simple procedure; when the bell rang it was time to eat and Daddy was waiting. If we weren't home within five or ten minutes, Dad would ring the bell again. If we still didn't come home after the second bell, the we would probably miss supper. Plain and simple just the way Dad liked it.

All the kids in the neighborhood knew the rules too. There were no questions asked, when we heard the bell, they knew I was leaving. I remember once in a very intense game of football, I broke free on a fly pattern and just as Bill Smith released a perfect spiral, the bell rang. I caught the pass in stride, spiked in the Nelson's driveway, and never looked back. I think we were having meatloaf that night. I never missed meatloaf.

Even our collie "Doc" knew the rules. He always was a smart dog. There were times when I didn't stray from home at suppertime but Doc did. We could ring that bell and he would run right up to his bowl, sit down and wait to be fed. I sure wouldn't have come running home to eat what he ate every night. Come to think of it, maybe he wasn't so smart after all.

Doc has long since passed on, and so has the bell, but he lesson still remains. When the bell rings it's time to go home. We will all have to answer the bell sooner or later. "Just as man is destined to die once..." (Hebrews 9:27). It may be in the middle of the game, when we least expect it, or we may be waiting on it like an old friend. Either way, I am going to be running because I know my "heavenly Father" will be waiting at the table for me.

Youth ministry of Zion Chapel Baptist Church planning drive-thru Nativity for early December

The Youth Ministry of Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be presenting a drive-through living Nativity on Friday night, Dec. 8, and Saturday night, Dec. 9, from 6-8 p.m. each night.

Ten scenes will be used to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. Live animals, courtesy of Marley Acres, will be present in some of these scenes.

Vehicles will enter the Nativity area from Coffee County Road 329 and exit onto Alabama Highway 87.

This event is free. Make plans now to come join Zion Chapel Baptist Church for a very special reminder of the reason Christmas is celebrated.

For additional information, call (334) 300-6974 or (334) 447-2433.

Gospel Singing set for Oct. 13th at Jack Assembly of God church

The Lighthouse Gospel church is located at 2200 County Road 208. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are invited.

Enterprise, Alabama Aglow Community Lighthouse to meet Saturday, Oct. 21st

Enterprise, Alabama's Aglow Community Lighthouse will meet Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. at The Gathering Room, 217 South Main St., Enterprise. Guest speaker will be Victoria Werneth from Mobile, Ala. For more information call 334 406-9683. All are invited.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church invites all to Homecoming set for Oct. 29th

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located in the Pine Level Community of Coffee County, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 29, beginning at 11 a.m. The music service will feature Kaye Clark. Lunch will be provided by the church. Everyone is invited.

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brings freedom to people, and new ways of thinking. I hope it frees people from religious ruts and is a beginning place for healing for people who have been hurt. I want this book to bring hope to people."

Now that "Kill the Dragon" is on the market, Akridge plans to release an author-narrated audiobook version and has already started on his second book.

"I've always been somebody who needs a little push, and I'm thankful for the people from my hometown who encouraged me along the way and challenged me to do things I thought I couldn't do," he said. "Teachers, mentors and people in our church growing up had a major impact on my life, and I'm where I am today because they brought out the best in me."

Akridge and his family will be in Elba for a book signing Saturday, Oct. 21, at Son Exposure Book Store from 1-3 p.m. Copies of "Kill the Dragon" are available at the store, on Amazon and wherever books are sold.

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Gunter Akridge is the founding pastor of The Dwelling Church in Savannah, Georgia. He calls Coastal Georgia home, alongside his wife Bethany and their three children. Gunter's primary calling lies in fostering spiritual renewal within the Church to ignite spiritual awakening throughout the broader culture. His dedication to this vision shapes his writing and teaching, and fuels his passion for creating transformative experiences through the written and spoken word.



Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Praise to God the Ruler of the Earth [Psalm 47: 1-9]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Rosemary Edwards, Robert Reynolds, Deloris F. Williams, Melvin Stallworth, Georgia Nelson, Alice Musgrove, Tiffney R. Kelley

October Birthdays

Vickie Jean Smith Florence 10/10
Peaches Jackson 10/10
Robert (Moe) Edwards 10/11
Emmanuel Stallworth 10/13
Asja Jolie Rudolph 10/14
A.Z. Stoudmire 10/16
Barbara K. Smith 10/17

Outsiders

While traveling, my husband and I stopped at a store. Not finding what we wanted, we approached a woman in the parking lot and asked if a Wal-Mart was nearby. She looked at us for a moment before loudly proclaiming, "You don't know where Wal-Mart is?" She started laughing. "Hey, Joann! They don't know where Wal-Mart is!" she called to her companion. The women then got the attention of someone else they knew across the parking lot. "Hey, Charlie!" they hollered. "They don't know where Wal-Mart is!" All three laughed. At that point, we began to back away from these strangers who were taking such joy in our lack of knowledge. Finally, one woman informed us that Wal-Mart was just around the corner, very easy to find. Outsiders draw attention often in a negative way. By definition, outsiders do not share the common, personal history of the insiders - those of the immediate culture. The locals my treat outsiders dismissively sim-

ply because of their outsider status.

Viewing Amos as a threat, Amaziah had a choice to make: neutralize the threat either by discrediting the messenger. Amaziah chose the latter path. His tactic being an attack on Amos' outsider status. When we hear a person/message we don't like - whether that message be spiritual or secular in nature - do we do the same? Examples in Numbers 23; Jonah 3; and Mark 9:38-41 caution us in that regard. - L.M.W.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 10-12-23

True or False

Q: When the angel first spoke to Mary, her reaction was one of great joy.

A: False [Luke 1:29]

Q: When sea creatures die, they return to dust.

A: True [Psalm 104: 25, 29]

Q: Witchcraft is a work of the flesh.

A: True [Galatians 5: 19,20]

Thought to Remember

Seek the guidance of the Son.

Questions for the Week of 10/19/23

True or False

Q: A person who has been baptized into Christ has put on Christ.

Q: The desires of the flesh are in harmony with the desires of the spirit.

Q: Paul had preached to the Galatians while he was ill.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBBON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ed Russell, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT
CHURCH**
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st... 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY
OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 a.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00

**PRaise & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortuné, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST**
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS
CHURCH, Elba**
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30

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AREA NEWS



MASTER GARDENERS AT PETTING ZOO...The Coffee County Master Gardener Association members attending the Petting Zoo are shown in the photo (from left) - Donnie Byrd (Intern), CCMGA President Rodney Penuel, Janine Coles, CCMGA Petting Zoo Chairperson Maggie Sickler, Jacque Hawkins and ED Speigner. Not shown are Anne Edwards, Barbra Oliver and Sheron Enfinger. The Alabama Cooperative Extension Service sponsored a Petting Zoo at the Farm Center located in New Brockton. Outside in the pole barn animals that could be petted included baby pigs, rabbits, baby chicks that could be picked up and chickens at various ages from Pilgrim Farms, sheep, camels and two small ponies. The first day 350 kindergarteners from New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston and the Wiregrass Christian Academy visited the Petting Zoo, and on the second day 102 kindergarteners from Pinedale and Elba visited. Inside the Farm Center were booths about honey bees, taxidermy pelts, peanut farming, electricity and seeds and plants. The seeds and plants booth was manned by members of the Coffee County Master Gardener's Association. Small, medium and large size seeds were on display and a special display was of small oak trees that had sprouted from acorns displayed so the acorn and roots were visible.



CELEBRATING THE 'TWINS BIRTHDAY'...Sue Young Boggan, Anne Young Dempsey, Jan Young Smith, Judy Turner Young, and Harry Young enjoyed lunch together at the Blue Plate Special in Dothan on Tuesday, Oct. 12, in celebration of twins, Anne and Jan's, birthday. They all agreed it was a great time for good food and fellowship.

Celebrating National Newspaper Week

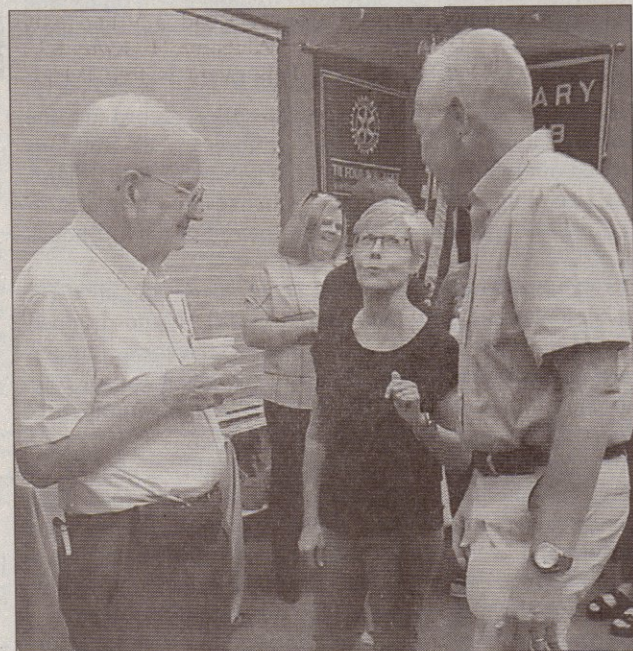
The Elba Clipper staff honored during reception hosted by Elba Public Library

"A city without a newspaper is a city without a soul." - So said Luis A. Ferre, who was quoted last Thursday evening, Oct. 5, when the Elba Public Library hosted a reception to recognize The Elba Clipper during National Newspaper Week.

Library board member Mary Grider talked about growing up in Damascus Community of Coffee County at a time when every surrounding community submitted "social" news to The Clipper.

"We would have parties, and everyone knew that even if we didn't call them, they were invited," she said. "But we couldn't wait for the paper to come so we could see what was written about us."

Grider and Elba Public Library director Jennifer Farris Amlong shared facts about the newspaper, which is more than 125 years old. They pointed out that many communities no longer have print newspapers and concluded with this: "The Elba Clipper is the Story



Ferrin Cox (left), publisher/owner of The Elba Clipper, is shown talking with Rhonda Stephens and Tim Johnson during last week's reception at the Elba Public Library. Also pictured, in the background is Linda Hodge, editor, speaking with other well-wishers that attended the reception in honor of The Elba Clipper staff.

of Us." For many years, that story has been told by Ferrin Cox, publisher/owner of The Elba Clipper, and for the past 24 years he has had the

help of Linda Hodge, editor. "Thank you, Mr. Ferrin and Linda, for all you do for our community," Amlong said. "You are the story of us."

LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

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Notice of Public Sale. An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday October 19th 2023. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34
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10/5, 12-chg.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 12, 2023

City of Elba
200 Buford Street
Elba, AL 36323
(334) 897-2333

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Elba. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about October 30, 2023 the City of Elba will submit a request to the Alabama Department of

Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Elba Site Prep Project for the purpose of site improvements along Industrial Boulevard to benefit Sunbelt Solomon Services in Elba, Alabama with an estimated cost of \$250,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Elba has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Elba City Hall located

at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Elba. All comments received by October 27, 2023 will be considered by the City of Elba prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Elba certifies to ADECA that Tom Maddox in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's

approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Elba to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Elba's certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the City of Elba; (b) the City of Elba has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken

activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36130. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tom Maddox
Mayor
City of Elba
10/12-chg

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was time for semester exams at Elba High last week and our grandson Lawson and his Nanny spent a long time reviewing as he prepared for tests in five subjects. His struggles in math were put to rest with a 100 on the exam, and he came through with flying colors in all the others tests as he and his Nanny proved that while studying is certainly no fun, it does indeed pay off. Thank goodness he didn't have to rely on his Granddaddy for help!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers were expected to dominate* Red Level last week in a region road contest and did just that as they scored touchdowns on seven of ten offensive plays to post a big 56-14 win in a game in which the clock never stopped after the Tigers jumped ahead 35-0 in the first quarter. The only plays that didn't result in points were a pass interception, a 42-yard run on the last play of the half and a 60-yard run in which the runner tripped and fell on his way to a certain score. If not for that, Elba could have easily scored on every single play, which would have been a record that could never be broken! Elba averaged over 41 yards per carry on its nine running plays, even though the first unit defense did allow two big plays that resulted in Red Level touchdowns, both scores came after the Tigers were ahead 42-0 and credit has to go to Red Level, and probably a case of lost concentration for the Elba players. In my opinion the game is turned into a farce when the clock starts running in the first quarter, and only a total of only 12 plays are run by both teams combined in the entire second half. There is a process for shortening a game when the score gets out of hand, and the AHSAA needs to get more involved and make a set of rules that have to be followed, and not just the wishes of the coach that is getting beat and a crew of refs that are ready to get home early.

*** *It was a big week for the Elba Lady Tiger* volleyball team as it swept past Kinston and Red Level and in the process finished the regular season tied for the area championship with a 5-1 record. The Lady Tigers knocked off perennial area power Kinston to open the week to move into a tie atop the area standings and then closed the week with a hard fought win over a very talented team from Red Level. There is still work to be done for the Elba girls, but after last week the Lady Tigers record stood at 9-2 in regular season play, 9-4 overall, while the junior varsity ended the season with a 7-4 record and the junior team closed its season with a 6-4 slate. It has been a long time since Elba had all three volleyball teams post a winning season, and it looks like volleyball has arrived at Elba High.

*** *It was not the best of weeks for the teams* in the area as Kinston was the only team to hang a win on its side of the ledger. Here is a quick look back at what happened in the area....

** *Kinston took out its frustrations* of a tough early-season schedule and a less than stellar record on the Pleasant Home Eagles in a 52-7 whipping. The Bulldogs jumped out to a big 45-7 lead at the half behind their hard-nosed running attack and then watched the clock run in the final two quarters as they kept their slim playoff hopes alive.

** *New Brockton appeared to be ready* to pull off a big region upset early, but couldn't hold on and dropped a 35-21 decision to Pike County. The Gamecocks jumped ahead early and was very much in the game for all four quarters, and there is no doubt the rebuilding process is beginning to take hold over at 'Brockton.

** *Zion Chapel held its own* with highly-touted G.W. Long throughout the first half in a 36-20 region road loss. The Rebels enforced their will on offense for all four quarters and were clearly the more physical team, but a couple of miscues in the backfield and too many yellow hankies on the ground proved too much to overcome.

** *Brantley's scoring woes continued* in a 26-0 region loss to Georgiana as the Bulldogs have now been shutout in three of their last four games. The battered Bulldogs had their third quarterback of the season taking snaps and they just didn't have enough weapons to pull off the win on the road as the disappointing season continued.

*** *It was a pretty solid week across the state* for the teams in the sportswriters poll as most of the top teams in the rankings survived as they kept their names atop the region standings. Here is a look back at the week that was....

** *Class 1A* – The top six teams in the poll all posted wins, led by #1 Leroy 46-8 over lowly J.F. Shields, #2 Elba rolling over Red Level 56-14 in a game that was over early, and #3 Sweet Water blanked Linden 20-0. Closer to home, Florala battled past Houston County 24-14 and McKenzie outscored J.U. Blacksher 38-16.

** *Class 2A* – The top five teams all won, led by #1 B.B. Comer rolling past Isabella 47-12, #2 Highland Home humbling Luverne 60-0 and #5 Reeltown beating up on Lanett 50-7. Closer to home, Cottonwood remained unbeaten with a 43-7 romp over Arton, Goshen blanked

Barbour County 41-0, Samson got its first win with a 34-16 victory over Abbeville. Wicksburg spanked winless Geneva County 42-6 and Pike Lib lost to Lighthouse, Georgia, 19-14.

** *Class 3A* – The top four teams in the poll all posted wins, led by #1 Mars Hill with a 45-7 win over Colbert County, #2 Mobile Christian blanking Evergreen Hillcrest 42-0 and #3 Madison County blasting Asbury 63-0. Closer to home, Ashford outscored Daleville 50-44 in a game that went down to the wire.

** *Class 4A* – There were no losses among teams in the top ten, with #1 Andalusia coasting past Geneva 40-13, #3 Catholic blanking Montgomery Academy 48-0 and #4 Jackson remaining unbeaten with a 50-7 whipping of Escambia County. Closer to home, Dale County lit up the scoreboard in a 60-30 win over Slocomb and Straughn stunned previously undefeated Houston Academy 35-21.

** *Class 5A* – The top five teams all posted wins, led by #1 Gulf Shores with a 45-13 win over Williamson, #2 Ramsay rolling over Wenonah 65-14 and #3 Central Clay County remaining unbeaten with a 47-0 win over Valley. Closer to home, Eufaula edged past Carroll 38-37, Headland thumped Greenville 36-12 and Rehobeth shocked Charles Henderson 30-27.

** *Class 6A* – The top teams all posted wins, led by #1 Saraland rolling past Blount 59-20, #3 Hillcrest Tuscaloosa blasting Tuscaloosa Central 49-14 and #4 Muscle Shoals outscoring Hartselle 55-49. A little closer to home, Pike Road blanked Park Crossing 27-0.

** *Class 7A* – The top five teams all rolled to wins, led by #1 Central Phenix City dominating Dothan 48-14, #2 Thompson thumping Hewitt-Trussville 40-14 and #3 Auburn slipping past Opelika 31-30. Closer to home, Enterprise kept pace in the poll with a 49-17 road win over Prattville.

*** *It was a good week for area college fans* as Alabama manage to escape with a 26-20 road win over Texas A & M, and Troy posted its third straight win with an easy 37-3 romp past Arkansas State. The Crimson Tide made enough mistakes to lose more than just one game, but behind the strong arm of Jalen Milroe made just enough plays to claim the win as the Bama quarterback completed 21 of 33 passes for 321 yards and 3 td's. The Tide defense had to re-work its secondary after halftime and finished the game with five sacks, a safety and one interception. Up at Troy, the Trojans gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about as the Trojans rolled up 352 yards rushing and added 236 yards in the air, while the defense had nine tackles for losses and limited the Red Wolves to just 203 yards in total offense. The Trojans seem to getting better each and every week, and after six weeks it looks like Troy has arrived as a big winner on the college football scene.

*** *Georgia became the latest state to approve* a 'Name, Image, Likeness' rule for high school athletes last week and under its new guidelines high school athletes can now receive money for the use of their name, image or likeness. While Georgia did put in a few very weak stipulations, former AHSAA director Steve Savarese stated on a radio interview that it would "completely do away with the amateur rule." Savarese also said there is no way to regulate or govern the new NIL rules, and predicted it will be out of control when high school athletes make more than the principal or superintendent. Another factor to be dealt with is when Alabama student-athletes start heading to Georgia or neighboring states to play so they can receive money for playing. If Alabama ever made such a rule I would expect some of the larger schools to become all-star teams much like IMG, in Florida.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* said the only good thing about having a running clock for almost the entire game at Red Level was that most of the crowd was in its cars headed back home by the time the heavy rains hit,

and laughed that the folks in Red Level should be admitted for half price the next time the Tigers play at home. The local guesspert struggled a little last week as he hit on 24 of 31 picks, but he repeated his clam that his best is yet to come and dropped off this week's 'fearless forecast.' Here goes....

ELBA VS. GEORGIANA

The Pea River felines will finally be back home on the lush turf of Mack Wood Field Friday night and will be looking to remain atop the region standings when they host a litter of kitties from up the road that haven't been scored on in a month. While the kitties are a formidable foe, look for the felines to show their guests that there is truly no place like home.

ELBA 31 GEORGIANA 18**NEW BROCKTON VS. STRAUGHN**

The roosters from over behind the warehouse will back at the coop this week against a litter of kitties that have been scratching up a lot of folks all season long. The guess here is that the boys from 'Brockton won't go down without a fight, but are simply no match, yet.

STRAUGHN 42 NEW BROCKTON 13**KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL**

The bulldogs from down near the county line finally got a big region win last week and enjoyed the post-game meal so much they are already barking loudly for even more vittles. The kitties from up the road can be dangerous if you don't pen'em up, but the guess here is the 'dogs will get to eat, again.

KINSTON 34 RED LEVEL 26**ZION CHAPEL VS. GENEVA COUNTY**

The troops from up at Fort Jack limped back home a little beat up, but still proud to be Rebels last week after a tough road loss, and this week will be back on the road again as they go hunting a pack of dogs. The troops may take a little time getting their ammo out after the long trip, but when they do look out.

ZION CHAPEL 32 GENEVA COUNTY 12**OTHER PICKS:**

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Leroy 43 Southern Choctaw 0
Houston County 40 Pleasant Home 6
Florala 27 McKenzie 26
Sweet Water 28 Keith 8
Loachapoka 55 Autaugaville 6
Arton 50 Abbeville 12
Cottonwood 35 G.W. Long 20
Wicksburg 33 Samson 14
Highland Home 42 Barbour County 0
Reeltown 48 Horseshoe Bend 0
Goshen 28 Luverne 14
Mobile Christian 45 Cottage Hill 10
Houston Academy 49 Northside Methodist 3
Opp 34 Daleville 20
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T.R. Miller 31 Escambia County 21
Geneva 30 Dale County 29
Catholic 45 Bullock County 0
Andalusia 49 Slocomb 0
Gulf Shores 56 Elberta 8
Charles Henderson 27 Eufaula 22
Rehobeth 21 Greenville 20
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Saraland 52 Baldwin County 10
Davidson 35 Park Crossing 14
Enterprise 38 Dothan 28
Opelika 41 Smiths Station 10
Thompson 52 Oak Mountain 10
Central PC 48 Percy Julian 0

Against high-powered Georgiana

Elba Tigers are back at home

The Elba Tigers will return home Friday night for the first time in five weeks when they host the Georgiana Panthers in a huge region shootout.

Elba owns a slim 7-6 series edge over the Panthers and last season posted a wild 62-28 win in Georgiana.

"Games like this are why you play the game," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "We will be back at home for the first time in five weeks, expect a large and loud crowd to be on hand on both sides of the field, and both teams will be fighting to remain atop the region standings. It doesn't get any better than that!"

Georgiana will enter the game riding a six-game winning streak and during the streak has posted five straight shutouts. The Panthers lost their season opener to 3A W.S. Neal 20-12, but since have defeated McKenzie 54-14, Florala 44-0, Kinston 40-0, Houston County 8-0, J.F. Shields 54-0 and Brantley 26-0. Since the season opening loss, Georgiana has outscored its opponents 226-14.

"Georgiana is very athletic and very fast at almost every position," added Sieving. "On offense they have a really quick quarterback that loves to scramble and throw the ball deep if the defense loses containment. They will line up in a spread formation and sometimes have three receivers out in the pattern, sometimes have an empty backfield with just the quarterback in the backfield, and other times will have four wide receivers. While most folks pay a lot of attention to their offense and their ability to score points, the Georgiana defense can really cause problems. They have shut out five straight opponents and they use an attacking defense that blitzes from all over the field, races to the ball and has a secondary that can cover the pass. Their team speed is their biggest weapon, along with their aggressiveness on both sides of the ball."

"We know that Georgiana will come down here Friday night looking to make a statement to everyone all across the state," said Coach Sieving, "and they have to feel like a win over us will give them the region title. We know we have to beat them if we want to win the region title, and even though we have some quality opponents left on the schedule, this is a must win game if we are going to achieve one of our goals."

"For us to win Friday night we will need to execute on offense and defense," added Sieving. "On offense we will have to pick up their blitzes and defensive changes, and over on defense we will have to contain their quarterback, play well in the secondary and take charge at the line of scrimmage. This will be a four quarter game and we will need to play well all four quarters to get a win. The game is at home, is our first home game in five weeks and we are all excited to be back at home and playing Georgiana."

When asked about last week's 56-14 region win over Red Level, Coach Sieving said, "It was a good win over

a region opponent and while we did make a couple of mistakes, the team played well and played hard. We didn't get the chance to play a lot of people due to the fact the clock never stopped, but those that did play certainly played hard and I was the next step in our goal to win every time we take the field."

Region battles continue for area teams in week seven

The high school football season will continue this week with region battles as teams begin to look at region standings and where they sit in the upcoming playoff picture.

Following is a preview of this week's area action:

Straughn at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to remain a factor in the region race when they host the Straughn Tigers, Friday night, at Gamecock Stadium.

Straughn holds a slim 7-6 series edge and last season handed the Gamecocks a 56-7 defeat.

The Gamecocks saw their record slip to 1-5 last week with a 35-21 road loss to Pike County, while the Tigers bounced back from an upset loss to Arton to knock off previously unbeaten Houston Academy 35-21, and sit atop the region standings with a 4-0 record.

Zion Chapel at Geneva County

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking for their first win ever over the Geneva County Panthers on Friday night when they travel to Hartford in a region match-up.

Geneva County leads the series 5-0 and last season posted a 34-12 win over the Rebels.

Zion Chapel saw its region slate dip to 1-3 last week with a 36-20 road loss to G.W. Long, while Geneva County will enter the game with an 0-6 record and during the season has been outscored 220-20.

Red Level at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to add a region win to their side of the ledger Friday night when they host the Red Level Tigers, at Bulldog Stadium.

Red Level owns a 13-11 series edge, but Kinston has won the last four meetings and last season posted a 35-0 road win.

Kinston kept its slim playoff hopes alive with a big 52-7 region road win over Pleasant Home, while Red Level will bring a 1-5 record into the game and is mired in a four-game losing streak.

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Elba Tiger Kaleb Mitchell (55) crushes a Red Level runner to the ground in last week's big 56-14 region road win.



Elba Tiger cheerleaders are ready to get the game going last week at Red Level.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) is off and running. Henderson rushed for 191 yards and 3 td's and returned a punt 66 yards for a touchdown in last week's 56-14 region win over Red Level.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) follows the block of Tiger teammate Jamal Siler (64) around the corner on his way to a 39-yard touchdown run in last week's 56-14 region road win over Red Level. The Tigers will return home this week for the first time in five weeks for a key region match-up against the Georgiana Panthers, with the top spot in the region standings up for grabs.

Tigers rip Red Level 56-14

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers needed only 10 offensive plays to score seven touchdowns and roll up 376 yards rushing last Friday night in a lopsided 56-14 region road win over the Red Level Tigers.

Elba turned the ball over on a pass interception on the game's first play from scrimmage, but got the ball right back three plays later on a pass interception by Cody Gray and the rout was on as the Tigers scored five touchdowns on just four offensive plays to open up a 35-0 first quarter lead.

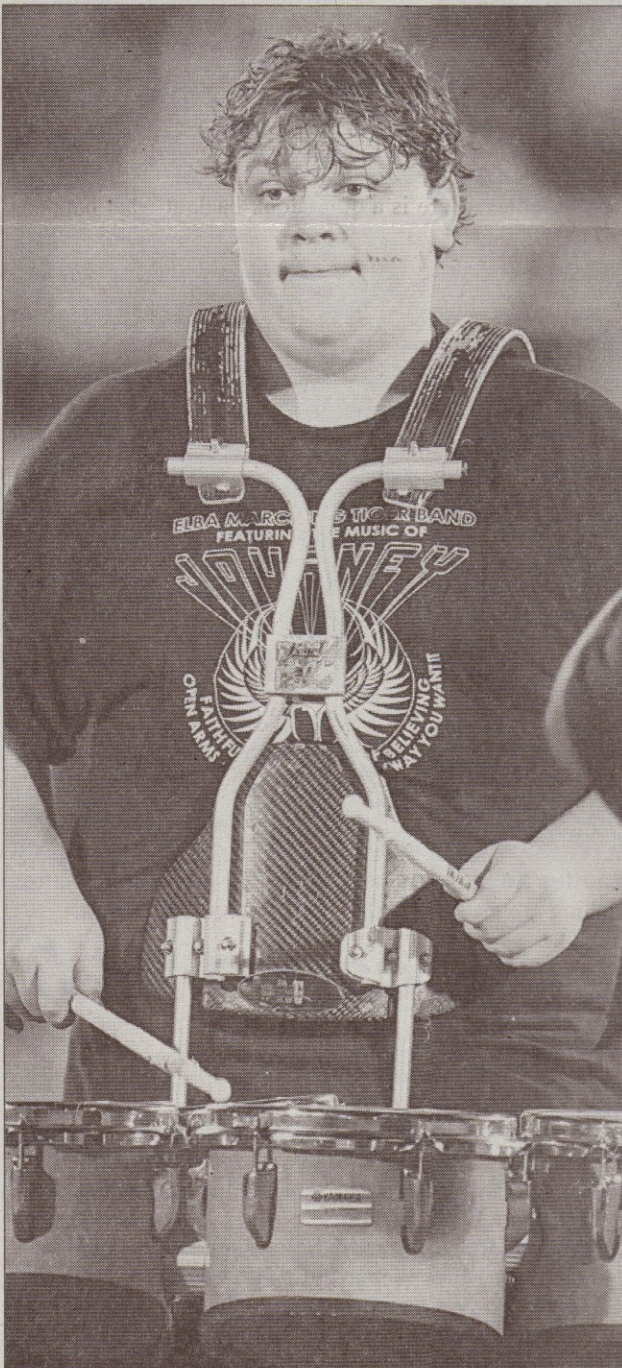
Alvin Henderson scored touchdowns on his first two touches on runs of 51 and 37 yards, while Cayden Adkins scored on a 39-yard dash on his first carry, Brayden Johnson scored on a 31-yard run on his only carry of the night, and Henderson added a 66-yard punt return for a touchdown as the Tigers led 35-0 late in the opening quarter, and the game clock never stopped again!

Adkins scored his second touchdown on his second carry of the night on a 51-yard run to push the lead to 42-0 with 9:26 left in the second quarter, while Red Level surprised the Elba defense and got on the scoreboard on a 51-yard pass from Koltin Barlow to Javen Poindexter with 3:46 left on the clock as the Tigers carried a 42-7n lead in at intermission.

Red Level made it two touchdowns in two plays as it opened the second half with a 56-yard td sprint by Micah Wright to cut the Elba lead to 42-14, but the Tigers scored on its next play from scrimmage when Alvin Henderson broke loose on a 56-yard scoring run for his third td of the game, and Cody Gray scored the final points of the night as he rushed for 64 yards in two carries and scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run to give Elba the 56-14 win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 191 yards on four carries and scored three touchdowns, and returned a punt 66 yards for a score to lead the Elba offense, while Cayden Adkins added 90 yards and two touchdowns on two carries, Cody Gray added 64 yards and one td on two carries, and Brayden Johnson added 31 yards and one td on one carry. Alex Wisecup hit all eight of his extra-point attempts.

Micah Wright rushed for 65 yards and one td on eight carries, Koltin Barlow completed 4 of 8 passes for 85 yards and one td, and Javen Poindexter had two catches for 55 yards and one td to lead Red Level.



The Elba Marching Tiger Band's Jordan Hammonds is shown performing at halftime and helped keep the crowd fired up last week at the Tigers 56-14 win over Red Level.

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Elba Rec Football teams host Daleville

The Elba Parks and Recreation youth football teams hosted Daleville last Saturday, Oct. 7, and two of the three Elba teams won. The Elba Mini Mites won 22-6 and the Elba Termites won 14-6 over Daleville. The Elba Pee Wee team was shutout by Daleville 34-0. This Saturday, Oct. 14, the Elba teams travel to Goshen for Rec league play. Games begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Bulldogs take a bite out of Eagles 52-7

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Kinston Bulldogs got back in the win column last Thursday night with a dominating 52-5 region road win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

Kinston began its initial possession at its own 17-yardline and marched 83 yards in eight running plays to grab an early lead. Colby Tew rushed for 45 yards on four carries to lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Brodie Walker capped the scoring drive with a 14-yard touchdown run. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter Kinston was on top 6-0.

Kinston began its next series at the Pleasant Home 23-yardline after a pass interception by Whitt Floyd, and three plays later the Bulldogs were back in the endzone after a 6-yard touchdown toss from Brant McCollough to C.J. Lunsford. Colby Tew added the extra-point as Kinston's lead grew to 14-0 with 41-seconds left in the quarter.

Pleasant Home got on the scoreboard next on a 51-yard gallop by Jacob Bryan and the extra-point by Vance Kelley as the Eagles pulled within 14- with 10:49 remaining in the second quarter. However, Kinston quickly regained command and scored touchdowns on each of its next four offensive series to head into halftime with a big 45-7 advantage.

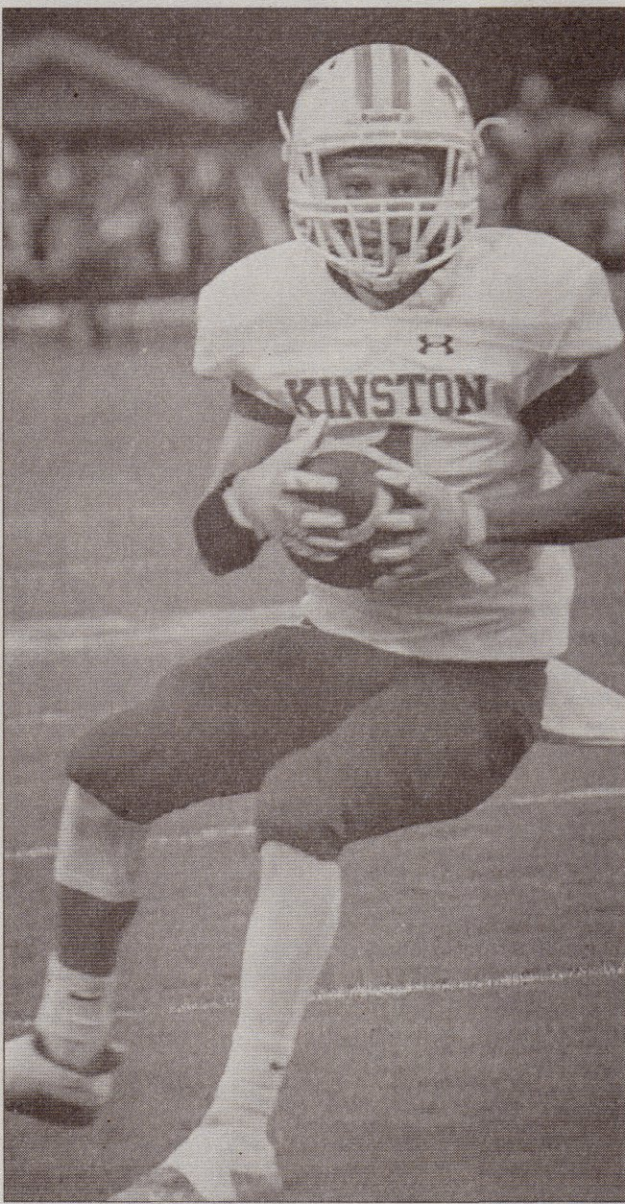
Brodie Walker scored the Bulldogs third td of the night on a 25-yard run to cap a two-play, 64-yard possession, while Colby Tew added three touchdowns on runs of 1, 73 and 10 yards and also ran in a two-point conversion as Kinston took complete command.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and with a running clock ticking away marched 50 yards in eight running plays to score the final points of the night. Brodie Walker scored his third touchdown of the game on a 1-yard sneak, and Anthony Jones booted the extra-point to put the icing on the 52-7 region win.

Colby Tew rushed for 218 yards on 17 carries and scored three touchdowns to spark the Kinston offense, while Brodie Walker added 100 yards and three touchdowns on eight carries, and Brant McCollough rushed for 48 yards on six carries and completed all three of his pass attempts for 43 yards and one td, with C.J. Lunsford pulling in all three passes.



Kinston Bulldog Brodie Walker (7) looks for room to run after faking a handoff to a Bulldog teammate in recent football action.



Kinston Bulldog Michael Thompson (1) hits the brakes as he nears the sidelines. Kinston will return home this week for a region clash with the Red Level Tigers.

Zion Chapel drops region road battle 36-20

From combined reports
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled the highly-favored G.W. Long Rebels on even terms through two quarters last Thursday night in a key region road game, but couldn't overcome penalties and miscues in the second half and dropped a hard fought 36-20 decision.

"The guys fought hard," stated Zion Chapel head coach Cody Keene, Jr., in a postgame interview with The Dothan Eagle. "That is what our program is being built on, build in the weight room and man-to-man football. It is being built on toughness."

Zion Chapel gave the fans a preview of things to come on its initial series and promptly headed down the field as the Rebels went 63 yards in eight plays and ate up over seven minutes off the clock to get on the scoreboard. A 29-yard run by Mason Stuart and a 16-yard gallop by Micah Fuller were key plays in the log scoring drive, while it was Stuart that capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but with 4:46 left in the first quarter the Rebels were on top early 6-0.

G.W. Long answered quickly and took a 7-6 lead with 2:47 remaining in the quarter on a 7-yard run by Bryson Hughes and the extra-point by Romah Daniel, and upped its lead to 13-6 early in the second quarter when Brayden Whitehead added a 7-uard td run. However, Zion Chapel came right back on its ensuing possession and went 80 yards in 14 plays and ate up almost nine minutes off the clock to regain the lead.

The Rebels had to overcome a pair of penalties during the long scoring drive, but refused to be stopped and grabbed a 14-13 lead with 1:01 left in the quarter on a 3-yard run by Mason Stuart. Stuart also ran in the two-point conversion as the Rebels' crowd could sense a big upset.

G.W. Long didn't stay behind for long; however, as it needed only two plays to cover 61 yards to the endzone, with the score coming on a 44-yard pass from Hughes to Whitehead. Hughes connected with Blayne Wood for a two-point conversion, and with 36-seconds left in the half G.W. Long was back on top 21-14.

Zion Chapel again surprised G.W. Long as it raced right back down the field to score on a three-play, 26-second drive. Stuart passed to Fuller in the first two plays of the scoring drive for gains of 20 and 11 yards, while the Rebel touchdown came on a 32-yard td toss from Stuart to Kavan Brown. A two-point try failed to produce points, but at halftime the Rebels trailed only 21-20.

Zion Chapel opened their first possession of the second half with three first downs and reached the Long 31-yardline, but saw the potential scoring drive bog down and was forced to punt.

G.W. Long answered with a nine-play, 85-yard scoring drive to open up a nine-point advantage. Bryson Hughes capped the drive with a 34-yard scramble for a touchdown, and Hughes added the two-point conversion as Long went ahead 29-20 with 2:53 remaining in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel was unable to mount a scoring threat on its ensuing possession and was again forced to punt, while G.W. Long had no such problems as it marched 79 yards to get back into the endzone. Brayden Whitehead scored his second td of the game on a 4-yard run, and Daniel added the extra-point as Long upped its lead to 36-20 with 10:45 left in the fourth quarter.

Zion Chapel came back to life offensively on its next series and quickly moved to the Long 29-yardline on a 41-yard pass from Stuart to Joseph LeGear, but again failed to cash in the scoring opportunity and had to watch the final seconds tick off the clock as G.W. Long escaped the Rebel upset plans with a 36-20 win.

Mason Stuart rushed for 100 yards on 20 carries and completed 12 of 17 passes for 188 yards to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Micah Fuller added 65 yards rushing. G.W. Long was paced by Bryson Hughes with 168 yards rushing and 108 yards passing.



Brantley Bulldog Cooper Layton (7) heads upfield after catching a punt in recent high school football action.

'Dogs caged 26-0

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs continued to struggle putting points on the scoreboard as they were shutout for the third time in their last four games in a 26-0 region road loss to the Georgiana Panthers.

Georgiana scored on its initial possession on a 22-yard dash by Cam Miles to put the Panthers on top 6-0 with 8:05 left in the first quarter, while the Panthers added their second score of the half with 6:09 remaining in the second quarter on an 18-yard run by Jacques Abner and carried a 12-0 lead in at the half.

Georgiana added two more scores in the third quarter to take command, with the touchdowns coming on a 16-yard run by Miles and a 3-yard run by Abner, and the Panthers then turned matters over to their defense as they recorded their fifth straight shutout with the 26-0 win.

Brantley managed only 73 yards in total offense in the loss, with Cooper Layton rushing for 63 yards on 18 carries to led the Bulldogs.

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Frustration shows on the face of a Zion Chapel Rebel during a recent contest. The Rbeels wqill be looking to pick up a region win this week when they oppose Geneva County.

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SPORTS NEWS

Gamecocks chased away by Bulldogs 35-21

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled the Pike County Bulldogs on even terms throughout the first half Friday night in a key region road clash in Brundidge, but watched the Bulldogs score 21 unanswered points in the second half and failed to recover in a hard fought 35-21 defeat.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 37-yard touchdown toss from Dawson Peacock to Baylon Foster and the extra-point by Caden Avalos, only to watch the Bulldogs rally before the end of the quarter and pull even at 7-7 with 3:21 left on the clock on a 2-yard run by Nemo Williams and an extra-point by Arturo Perez Hernandez.

The Gamecocks regained the lead at 14-7 with 5:21 remaining in the half on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Peacock to Anthony Silar and the extra-point by Avalos. However, Pike County again responded and the region rivals went in at the half tied at 14-14 after a 65-yard td toss from Omari Barrow to Khalil Foster, and the Hernandez extra-point.

Pike County took its first lead of the night at 21-14 in the third quarter when Omari Barrow scored from one-

yard out and Hernandez booted the extra-point, and the Bulldogs took charge early in the fourth quarter and added two more scores to take a 35-14 advantage.

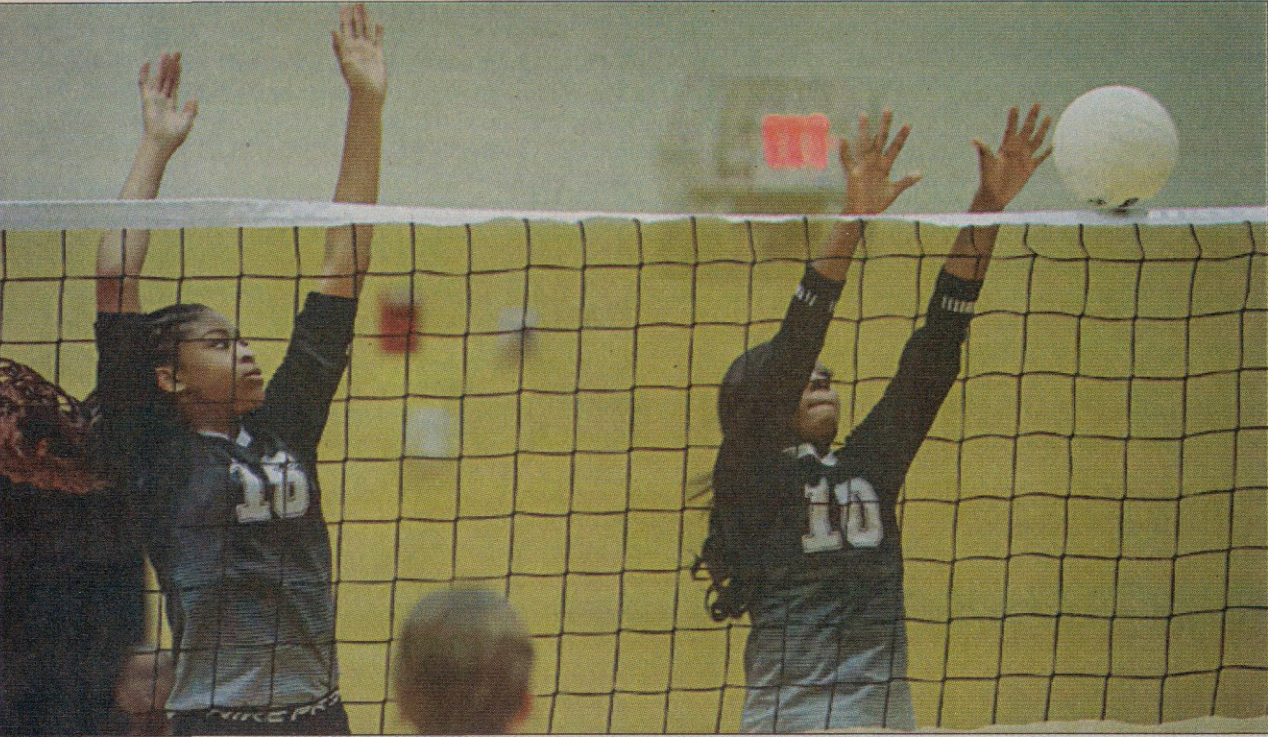
The Pike County touchdowns came on a 4-yard run by Markelis Hobdy and a 66-yard td toss from Barrow to Que Carter, and while New Brockton scored late on a 22-yard scoring strike from Peacock to Baylon Foster, the rally was too late as Pike County held on to claim the 35-21 region win.

Dawson Peacock completed 18 of 28 passes for 299 yards and 3 touchdowns, with Baylon Foster pulling in 10 passes for 209 yards and two td's, and Anthony Silar having 5 catches for 61 yards and one td. Yassiah Rousseau led the Gamecocks in rushing with 47 yards in nine carries, while over on defense the Gamecocks were led by Blake Peterson with 11 tackles, Bryant Crumpler with 7 tackles and Josiah Peterson with 4 stops.

Nemo Williams rushed for 97 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries and Markelis Hobdy added 51 yards and one td on nine carries. Omari Barrow completed 7 of 13 passes for 158 yards and two scores, while Que Carter rushed for 50 yards on six carries and caught two passes for 72 yards and one td.

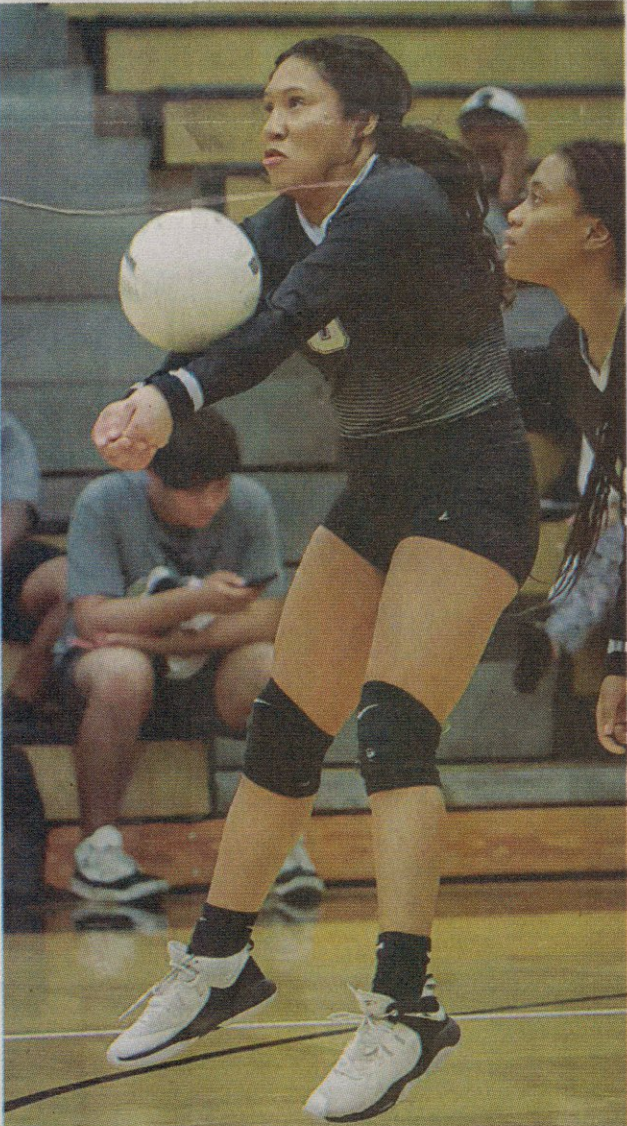


New Brockton Gamecock Baylon Foster (6) pull in a pass in front of a Pike County receiver. Foster caught 10 passes for 209 yards ind 2 touchdowns in last week's 35-21 region loss.

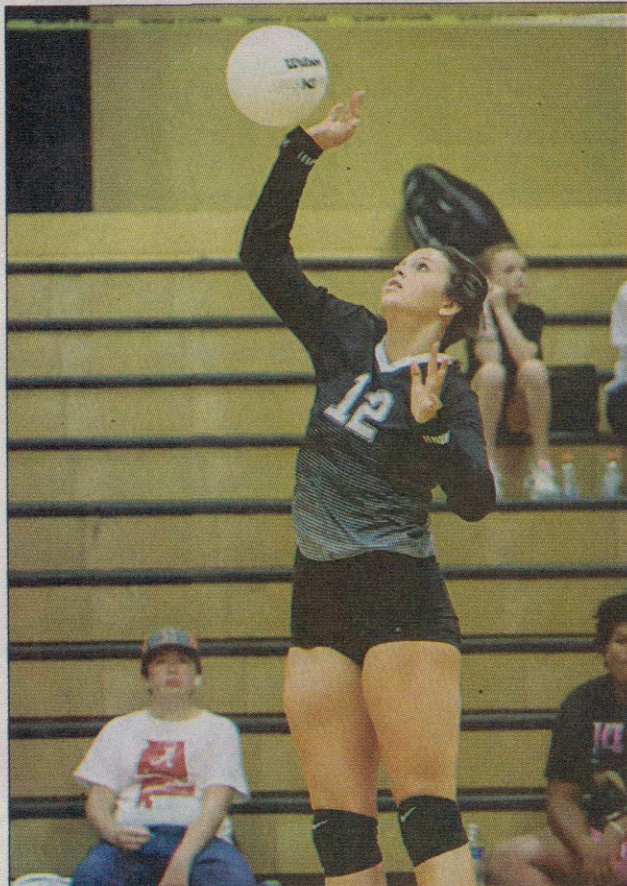


Elba Lady Tigers Brooke Tinsley (15) and A'Lyric Whitfield (10) leap over the net to send a ball back to an opponent in recent high school volleyball action.

Lady Tigers enjoy a winning week on court



Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez gets in position to return a hit in a recent Elba win.

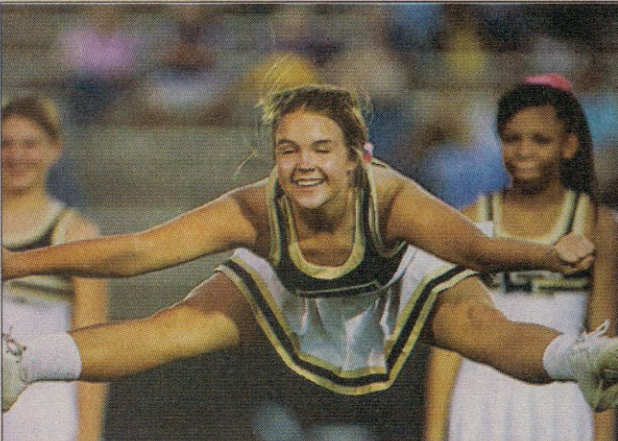


Elba Lady Tiger Haylee Tucker returns a volley over the net in a recent win.

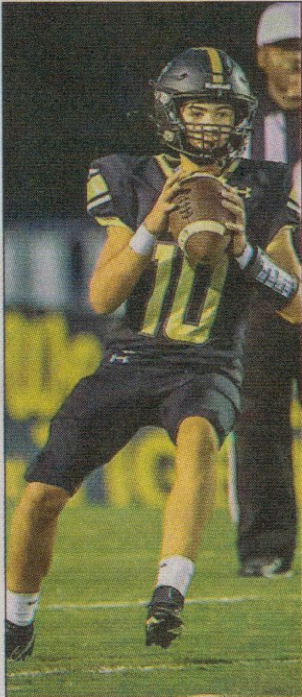
The Elba Lady Tigers continued their winning ways last week in high school volleyball with wins over Kinston 25-11, 20-25, 25-21, 25-23 and Red Level 25-23, 25-16, 23-25, 25-12 to improve their regular season record to 9-2, 9-4 overall.

The win over Kinston moved the Lady Tigers into a tie for the regular season area title.

It was a successful season for the junior varsity and junior high squads as the Lady Tiger JV closed the season with a 7-04 record and the Lady Tiger JR posted a 6-4 record.



The Elba Junior Varsity football season came to an end Monday night, Oct. 2, as the Tigers hosted Arifton at Tiger Stadium. The JV Tigers ended the season with an over-all 2-4-1 record. Above, JV cheerleader Mary-Brooklyn O'Nel is shown during cheerleader introductions.
(Photo by BCSports Photography)



Elba Junior Varsity Quarterback Powell Bane (10) drops back to deliver a pass in the season closing game Oct. 2nd for the Tigers. Elba hosted Arifton in this game.

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New Brockton Gamecock Dawson Peacock (10) rolls out and looks for an open receiver in last week's 35-21 region road loss to Pike County.

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Elba's Class of 1978 planning 45th Class Reunion for October

The Elba High School Class of 1978 will celebrate its 45th class reunion during Homecoming festivities at Elba High School October 27-28, 2023.

Several local classmates are planning the activities for the weekend celebration. Help is needed to find

classmates and friends of the class of 1978.

Extra efforts are being made to include those who did not actually graduate with the class but who attended Elba High School during this time. If you can help us to locate any of our classmates please contact Gypsy Morrow Smith (334-222-8220-days only), Melanie Rainer Bledsoe (334-300-8482), or Lynn Hudson Baker (334-301-6594).

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 and friends gathered Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, at The Outpost in New Brockton for their monthly breakfast get-together. Reportedly, good food, fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all. Those in attendance included: [left side] Kenneth Baker, Jerome Blackmon, David Blackmon, John Lawless, and Bobby Edmondson; [right side] Sara Warr Strong, Harry Young, Eddie Thompson, Terry Calhoun, and Butch Oggs.

Alabama Democratic Party announces its qualifying for Primary

The Alabama Democratic Party recently announced that candidate qualifying for the March 5, 2024 Democratic Primary is open. This is for all state, presidential, and delegate positions.

This means that county parties may open 2024 candidate qualifying for county offices on that same day or thereafter, but not before.

Candidate qualifying for all ballot positions – federal, state, and county – ends Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 5 p.m. While candidates for many offices on the ballot (president, congress, state supreme court, state school board, etc.) qualify with the state party, there are important county offices for which candidates qualify with the county party.

Key county offices that may be on the ballot include circuit court clerk, probate judge, county commission, county license commissioner, and county school board.

Registration underway for youth basketball in Elba

The Elba Parks and Recreation has announced that registration is underway during the month of October for youth basketball (ages 7-12) in Elba.

To register a child for basketball, visit Elba. recdesk.com online [create an account if you do not already have one, then register the child].

For more information or assistance with the registration process, call the Elba Parks and Recreation department at (334) 897-6833.

"Come Home It's Suppertime" folklife play to be performed in November at We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge, Ala.

Alabama's Official Folklife Play "Come Home It's Suppertime" will be performed Nov. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge, Ala.

Tickets are \$30 and includes the pre-show, full country supper and the two-act play. For tickets or more information, call (334) 685-5524 or (334) 670-6302 or visit www.piddle.org



ELBA FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS RECOGNIZED Friday, Oct. 6, at the Elba Quarterback Club's "Game Day" Lunch Meeting included (from left) cheerleaders Keelie Moseley and Jah' Haira Walker, and football players Jacob Ledbetter, Emmanuel Cooks, and Brady Johnson. Also during the meeting, Elba Tigers head football coach Marc Sieving spoke to those in attendance providing updates on the team. The Elba Quarterback Club hosts the "Game Day" Lunch Meetings during football season, and the meetings are held at the Elba Country Club. Lunch is available for purchase during the meeting, which begins at 11:30 a.m. This Friday [Oct. 13], Elba will host Georgiana in a key region matchup.

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A business session will review the financial status of the cooperative. No goody bags, entertainment, food or door prizes will be available.

SAEC members should have already received their meeting packet in the mail. If you still haven't received your ballot, please contact SAEC at 334-566-2060.

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